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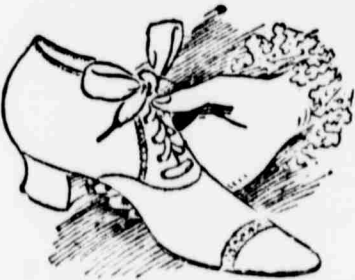
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MATTHEWS

Unequaled Values
in Furniture.

A Suit and Waist
Opportunity.

Readers of Our Advertisements, Profit by Our Hints. They Learn by Comparison Our Goods Are Always Right in Style and Price. Prices Make it Doubly Easy to Buy, and Once a Customer Makes You Always.



Women's \$2.50 Oxford Ties, at 1.39 a Pair.

700 pairs of Women's Tan and Black Oxford Ties, mostly tans, in dark and nut brown shades, hand-turned flexible soles, all made up on this season's most approved lasts, which include the bulldog, English and round toe shapes; perfect fitting, comfortable ties, that can be depended on to give splendid service, regularly they would cost you \$2.50 and \$2.95 a pair (some sizes are missing), and to close them out quickly, they are marked for **\$1.39** Monday at, a pair.



Men's Shoes at \$2.95 Pair.

300 PAIRS OF MEN'S VICI KID LACE SHOES, hand welted single soles, with all the fittings and trimmings of custom-made work made on the very newest spring lasts, medium opera and English toe shapes. \$4.00 will not buy a better Shoe anywhere, if as good.

SILVERWARE.

Special Sale of Tea Sets.

We call your attention to our superb stock of Tea Sets, which include exquisite Empire and Colonial models, as well as other attractive designs, perfect in detail and finish. Durability and usefulness combined, with beauty of design and low cost.

Quadruple-plated Tea Sets, four pieces, satin finish, including creamer and spoon holder, special at \$4.98; worth \$7.50.

Quadruple-plated Tea Set, four pieces, plain burnished finish, tinted design, head of George Washington, special at \$9.98; worth \$14.98.

Quadruple-plated Tea Set, four pieces, a styles to choose from, plain finish, SATIN FINISH, ENGRAVED or embossed, special at \$8.75; worth \$12.48.

Quadruple-plated Tea Sets, four pieces, Colonial style, silver handle, special at \$11.75; worth \$16.98.

Quadruple-plated Tea Sets, four pieces, satin finish, embossed, with burnished shield or plain finish, with Empire wreath, ebony or metal handle, special at \$12.75; worth \$18.98.

Quadruple-plated Tea Set, Walters, to match set, \$2.25, \$2.98, \$3.25 and \$3.98.

Special on Monday at 98c. Each

Quadruple-plated PICKLE CASTERS, with TUNING FORK, for Society Correspondence, Broad Trays, Creamers, Condensed Milk Holders, Card Trays, Silver-mounted Lemonade Pitchers, 3 styles, Cracker Jars, etc.

Quadruple-plated Napkin Rings, fancy patterns, special at 20c. each.

W. A. Rogers' Fine Pattern All-plate Cold Meat Forks, in silk case, 40c. each.

Fulton Street, Gallatin Place, Livingston and Smith Sts., Brooklyn.

INDIA'S GREAT FAMINE.

THE AREA IN WHICH THE CALAMITY IS MOST DISTRESSING.

Drought Has Spoiled the Crops and the Natives Suffer the Pangs of Hunger—Thirst Also Claims Many Victims—Sufferers Numbered by the Millions.

The shaded portion of this map shows the worst region in India in which the prevailing famine is most severely felt. Some districts outside this area are suffering to a less extent, but their position has not been clearly indicated, as attention is centered upon the regions where relief is most imperatively demanded. As a rule, the famines which now afflict India are most severely felt in regions which in normal years have a sufficient supply of rain, and those regions that are always deficient in rainfall are more likely to escape famine because they are supplied with irrigation canals fed by streams coming from the mountains and very often have enough water in years of drought to raise crops.

The famine-affected area on the map includes about three hundred and fifty thousand square miles, or over a tenth of the area of the United States. It embraces the central provinces, the southeast and central Punjab and Rajasthan, and though none of the most densely populated regions is embraced in this territory, its population is about thirty millions. People begin to suffer the pangs of hunger in September and last year there was scarcely any rain in that part of India. Many thousands of people began to die of starvation in the autumn of last year, and the death toll has been increasing ever since. It is estimated that the famine has cost the lives of over a million people.

Three districts claim many victims, for in some localities drinking water has almost entirely failed. Crops were sown as usual, but after passing through the ground the young

plants turned yellow and perished. Grain has been imported from more fortunate parts of the country, but in December last the price had risen to four times the usual cost, and the poor, who form most of the population, had no means to buy breadstuffs. The death toll was increasing and now they are dying by thousands.

The appalling growth of the evil is shown by the tremendous increase in the number of persons employed on relief works or to whom relief is extended. In the second week of December last the number was 1,200,000. In the third week it was 1,357,000. Lord Curzon, who visited India last Saturday, said that the number of persons in need of relief was 4,571,000. As many persons as possible receive employment on public works which are started in the most desperate straits, but the work is at best as far as practical, to have works of public utility to employ the millions of persons who must be distressed to relieve distress.

Of course there are hundreds of thousands who are not employed on public works, and for whom no relief is extended. It is estimated that the famine has cost the lives of over a million people.

GRAVE ROBBERIES DRIVEN OFF.

Probably Were After the Body of an Italian Woman in Holy Cross Cemetery.

Two men tried to steal a body from a grave in Holy Cross Cemetery, Flatbush, on Friday night and when detected in the act managed to escape arrest by hiding in the woods. The men, it is believed, were trying to get the body of Mrs. Maria Forzani, 42 years old, who died at 2070 Broadway, Manhattan, on Monday and was buried on Wednesday. The day after the burial her husband, Antonio Forzani, called at the cemetery and told the superintendent that he did not believe his wife was dead and asked him to have the body exhumed. He might have one more look at her face. His request was denied. Foreman John Harrigan, who was at work in the cemetery, summoned Policeman Van Ward, but on his approach the body snatchers ran for the southern end of the cemetery, where they were last seen. The body was not found until the next day, when it was discovered in a shallow grave in the woods. The men who dug down to the box containing the coffin.

BROOKLYN TUNNEL PROJECT.

Atlantic Avenue Improvement Commission Wants Relief From It.

The Atlantic Avenue Improvement Commission held a two-hour session yesterday in the Bedford Park in Brooklyn, and discussed the new situation resulting from the recent withdrawal of the application before the Municipal Assembly for permission to build a tunnel by the Long Island and New York Terminal Company. There was some criticism over the sudden reversal of the commission, but it was decided that the commission should immediately take all possible steps to procure the passage of a bill authorizing the construction of a tunnel from the Atlantic Avenue improvement. President William H. Baldwin of the Long Island Railroad, who is a member of the commission, declined to vote on the resolution. The resolution for the removal of the steam railroad from the surface of Atlantic Avenue is to be continued.

ABRAHAM AND STRAUS

BROOKLYN.

WHAT DOES THIS STORE MEAN TO YOU?

Many things more than mere merchandise selling, we hope. First of all, it should be your friend—you should feel that you can come here with your undeveloped plans, whether for home furnishing and beautifying or for personal dress, and find instant, sympathetic response and helpful, expert suggestions.

In some sense it should be a mentor, bringing from Paris, from London, from the fashion marts abroad and at home, the newest and best for your assurance of what is right in style as well as for purchase.

You should feel it to be your store—yours as much as ours—a place of recreation, of rest, of refreshment, to command at your will; an ever changing fashion-garden, to which you have a continuous invitation and in which you may ramble and pluck or not, at pleasure.

These things it should be to you, and more, if constant striving for store betterment produces its wonted results.

Women's Tailored Suits.

Another event in low pricing this. Just at the threshold of the Spring season such pricing is a notable occurrence.

Two points to note in the same connection. Every garment is a new style, the choicest possible to expert selection from everything good. Every garment is as well made and tailored as human hands can do it. To be sure, these two requisites are of course in this store, yet perhaps they should be mentioned.

We cite one instance of several kinds, just samples of equal values in a great stock:

Black Cheviot Tailor-made Suit, jacket cut Eton fashion, double breasted, faced with peau de soie; skirt cut with the new double inverted pleats and lined throughout with good quality taffeta silk. The suit would be considered cheap at \$32.00. A special for Monday here at **\$23.50**

Jacket of very fine Vicuna Covert Cloth, tan colored; fly front effect; velvet collar, lined with very fine taffeta silk. **\$16.50**

Skirt of Black Taffeta Silk, broadcloth applied on front and back; peraline lined and velvet bound; strikingly pretty and graceful. **\$10.95**

Tailor made Suit of fancy homespun, the jacket tight fitting, fly front and single breasted, the skirt plain tailor made with double box plait in back, the suit lined throughout with superior taffeta silk. **\$21.75**

Golf Cape of imported material, double faced, in a variety of colors, trimmed all around the cape and hood with plain kersey, strapped stitichings with white twist. **\$12.75**

Second floor, front.

An Advance Sale of Summer Underwear.

A quarter saved, bought now, and by the time you want to wear them it will be a third, for prices are rapidly rising.

Men's, women's and children's in the lot, new and needed in a few weeks. Far-sighted buying before the rise in prices makes such merchandising possible. Only that. Not a garment in the women's or children's lot that's not absolutely perfect. Some slight mill imperfections in the men's, so small you would never discover them if we didn't tell—but, of course, that's not the Abraham & Straus style of doing things.

If you buy now, you save; but you can't wait and keep the saving in your pocket. Is it worth while?

THE WOMEN'S.

Women's Richellee ribbed white cotton Undervests, low necked, sleeveless, lace edged around neck and armholes, silk tapes. 30c

Women's low necked and sleeveless, short, sleek Undervests of white ribbed cotton, finished with silk tapes and silk edging in colors, two for. 25c

Women's ribbed silk thread Undervests, low neck and sleeveless, silk tapes, also some fine cotton Undervests with lace fronts. 19c

Women's fancy low necked ribbed Undervests with lace shoulders and fronts, silk tapes. 24c

THE CHILDREN'S.

Children's Spring weight Undervests, high neck, short sleeves, finished with pearl buttons, silk binding around neck and down front. 24c

THE MEN'S.

Men's balbriggan Shirts and Drawers; the Shirts with French necks, pearl buttons and patent, overlapped seams; the Drawers with extra deep, reinforced gusset, pearl buttons, saten facings, suspender tabs, patent overlapped seams and French extension bands. Shirts and Drawers are made of pure Egyptian yarn, which makes them very soft and durable. A full assortment of sizes. 4 for \$1.00

Main floor, left.

A Shoe Sale for Men.

The \$4.75 Kind for \$2.75.

200 pairs of Men's Shoes from the regular \$4.75 stock of the Shoe Store are to have \$2.00 lopped off their pricing here to-morrow. Just the same sorts that cost \$6.00 a pair elsewhere, so there is a flat saving of \$3.00 a pair to the 200 men lucky enough to get one of this lot.

Seems a pity there aren't more, but it's only because of the little number that the pricing is so low. Every shoe is of a wanted kind, hand made, with heavy double extension soles; some calf lined and some drill lined. Vici kid, enamel, box calf and tan russa are in the lot. Five styles of them and most all sizes to be found, but not all sizes of any one style. All widths, too. Priced for the early comers at **\$2.75**

Second floor, New Building.

TO RAISE \$100,000 FOR RUERS.

Fund Will Be Devoted to Relieving the Needs of Soldiers' Widows and Orphans.

The National Red Relief Fund Association, which has been started by George W. Van Sien of this city at the suggestion of Dr. Leyds, the European agent of the Ruers, will be holding a public subscription for the relief of the Ruers, who are suffering from the effects of the war in Europe. The fund is to be used for the relief of the Ruers, who are suffering from the effects of the war in Europe. The fund is to be used for the relief of the Ruers, who are suffering from the effects of the war in Europe.

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A Black Silk Sale.

You are used to large silk offerings from this store, but to-morrow inaugurates one of the largest, most important ever made.

Fifty thousand yards of reliable Black Silks go on sale here to-morrow at the lowest prices ever quoted for silks of equal merit. Large dealing does it; takes the best from home; takes the best from abroad; brings them, low-priced, all together, and a great sale results.

A simple process, but how much it means. Great manufacturers know it; recognize the Abraham & Straus Store as the great outlet for silks in this locality; know that no quantity is too great if the prices and the qualities are right. It is natural, then, that they should seek this store as their distributive center, natural that C. J. Bonnet et Cie., makers of the grandest black silks that Europe ever produced, silks that empresses have worn for ages, the silks of your grandmother's time, of your mother's time, of your own time—should, as they have, make us their exclusive agents. It is natural that we should be the sole agents also for the Sterling Guaranteed Taffeta, the best American black silk made.

All these things are back of such a sale as this; but to the details:

24 inch extra fine quality black Foulard; worth 85c, at **60c**

24 inch triple warp black Surah, regular 98c, quality, at **70c**

20 inch open work black Taffeta in very pretty lace effects **50c**

24 inch black figured India—new designs and excellent quality, at **60c**

20 inch black Peau de Soie **60c**

20 inch black Peau de Soie **70c**

21 inch black Peau de Soie **80c**

21 inch black Peau de Soie **90c**

22 inch black Peau de Soie **\$1.00**

24 inch black Peau de Soie **\$1.25**

Included in this sale also are 15,000 yards of C. J. Bonnet et Cie's celebrated guaranteed Black Silks.

Black Taffeta.

19 inch all silk black Taffeta **30c**

19 inch all silk black Taffeta **35c**

21 inch all silk black Taffeta **50c**

22 inch all silk black Taffeta **60c**

27 inch all silk black Taffeta **65c**

35 inch all silk black Taffeta **85c**

21 1/2 inch black Taffeta **60c**

22 inch black Taffeta **70c**

23 inch black Taffeta **75c**

24 inch black Taffeta **80c**

24 inch black Taffeta **90c**

Second floor, New Building.

C. J. Bonnet's Celebrated Black Silks.

21 inch Bonnet Peau de Soie **24c**

21 inch Bonnet Peau de Soie **\$1.14**

21 inch Bonnet Peau de Soie **\$1.25**

22 inch Bonnet Peau de Soie **\$1.38**

22 inch Bonnet Peau de Soie **\$1.48**

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Men's Tailoring Pointers:

Thought of the Spring Suit yet? Just a few weeks before Easter-time, and fashion's law says you must be ready. Why not take time by the forelock and visit the Men's Tailoring Store now? The show of new wools is fairly on, and they make a fine and aristocratic array. Nothing good from the foreign or the domestic mills that's not represented. Nothing here that's not exactly as represented, which is quite as much to the point.

Special thoughts for the particular man this year—more latitude in dressing, more refreshing extremes to be worn this season than ever before.

And prices just now are extremely low, lower even than they usually are in a tailoring establishment where low prices and perfect workmanship are the motto of daily progress.

A Suit and an Overcoat offering: We will make to order, Sack, Gaiter or English Walking Suits, from any of 22 styles, in stripes, plaids and checks, in chevrons, cassimere, fancy worsts and favorite Oxford and Cambridge mixtures for **\$22.00**

Overcoats, too, of spring weight should be thought of now and cloths in fifteen styles—chevrons, unfinished worsteds, covers and wools—are ready for making, with silk lining throughout, into coats of the \$35.00 class. No such pricing actually, though. Like the Suits, they will cost just **\$22.00**

Second floor, New Building.

A Chance in Gloves.

About 1,800 pairs of Clasp and Hook Women's Gloves here, a balance of stock lines that will not be carried any longer. Quite a number of them were originally priced as high as \$1.50 and \$1.67 a pair. A few have been specially priced at 70c, and the remainder are regular 98c and \$1.25 grades. All sizes and almost every color, including black, in the collection. They must go quickly, and the price will do it.

All are **64c** a pair. Main, center, right.

Silk and Flannel Waists.

Two of the prettiest in this announcement, both lowly priced for their worth. One style of Scotch Flannel, in checks of pink, blue, violet, made in the front and trimmed with gilt buttons; French back and shirt sleeves. Priced at **\$3.98**

The other is a dainty ribbon waist in blue, pink, violet, white and black. It is made of silk ribbon and lace insertion and lined throughout with lawn. Priced at **\$5.45**

Second floor, center.

French Challies, Silk and Wool.

Silk and wool French Challies in dainty dots on grounds of the latest French tints. Some have the lustrous silk stripes and some the popular Persian colorings. We establish a new price record for them Monday, at a yard **38c**.

Main floor, New Building.

TO HOLD CLENARY COUNCIL HERE.

Report That the Pope Is to Be Asked to Convoke One Soon.

Bishop Gleason of Kansas City, who has recently returned from Rome, is said to have written to Washington that a plenary council of the Roman Catholic Church in this country is likely to be held here, that of Baltimore, since the last council, that of Baltimore, was held, says that many questions have arisen that need consideration. The council could be convened only on the authority of the Pope. The Bishops of this country would first have to transmit to Rome a request for permission to call it. As many of the higher ecclesiastical authorities are going to Rome in a month or two, to participate in the celebration of the Pope's jubilee, it is asserted that it is probable that arrangements will be made to hold the preliminary work of holding the council.

Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishop Corrigan, Archbishop Ryan of St. Louis, and Bishop Neenan of Brooklyn are among the prelates to attend. The Archbishop of New York will also attend. He and the other American prelates are to be consulted by the Vatican authorities during their stay in Rome. The council is expected to be held in the latter part of the year.

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Fine Furniture—

Price Cutting.

Every good new design in Furniture stands a chance of coming to the great Furniture Store on the fourth and fifth floors. If it doesn't get here, the space is wanted for something better yet.

Enormous transactions account for the greater cheapness at which Furniture is always priced in this Store. Furniture for parlor, bedroom, diningroom; for city house and country cottage and you always know that statements of value, statements of workmanship made here are absolutely accurate. And such comfortable assurance is worth something.

For to-morrow:

Parlor Suite, 3 pieces, mahogany finished, inlaid and covered with damask, made to sell for \$20.00; priced here at **\$12.50**

Parlor Suite, 5 pieces, mahogany finished, inlaid with marquetry, upholstered in the best manner and covered in assorted colorings of satin damask, a regular \$70.00 suit, priced here at **\$47.00**

Oak Sideboard, top with bevel mirror base, 24x48 inches, with two swell top drawers, one large drawer and two closets. It was made to sell for \$22.00, but is priced here at **\$15.50**

Dining Table of quartered oak, extending 8 feet, highly polished top 48 inches square; a good \$20.00 table, marked here at **\$14.00**

Dining Chairs of polished quartered oak, box frame and cane seats, regularly \$1.25; here at **90c**

250 Dining Chairs, with high backs and cane seats, made to sell for \$1.00, are here for **60c**

Couch, large and tufted, with a luxurious spring edge, 30 inches wide, 64 inch long, all hair upholstered, interlined with muslin webbing, bottom hardwood frame, doweled legs, black steel springs; the couch is covered in silk velvet with a silk faced fringe; made to sell for \$40.00, our price **\$29.50**

Just 100 Oak Morris Chairs, with reversible denim cushions **\$2.00**

Oak Bedroom Suite, 3 pieces, full size bed, bureau with 24x30 bevel mirror and base with swell front, large washstand trimmed with cast brass hardware, regularly \$26.00; our price **\$19.00**

White Enamel Iron Bed, full size, with woven wire spring; brass rod and vases at head and foot; short hair mattress, complete for **\$11.00**

Brass Beds, bow foot, 1 inch posts, all sizes, made to sell for \$18.00; our price **\$12.00**

White Enamel Iron Bed, 4 inch post, with extension foot rail, trimmed with brass vase, all sizes **\$3.50**

We have 2,000 pounds of South American soft hair, mingled with mixed hair, which will make up into excellent Mattresses. We will make them to order, full size, in C. A. ticking, weight 40 pounds, and charge, instead of the regular \$16.00, just **\$10.00**

Mixed Hair Mattresses in 3 feet size only, made up in C. A. ticking, are regularly priced at \$6.00; here they are **\$4.00**

Mattresses of pure South American black horse hair, made up in 40 pounds weight in C. A. ticking, full size, are regularly priced at \$22.00; here such Mattresses sell for **\$15.50**

Fourth floor.

Carpet and Rug Values

Enormous stocks; newest patterns; lowest prices. These are prime principles in this Carpet Store, principles seldom failed in. But principles are abstract. They need concrete illustration. Like this:

2,500 yards of the celebrated Cambridge Axminster will go on sale here to